

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated September 6, 2006 has been received and their contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 17-24 are currently pending, of which claims 4-11, 13-15 and 18-21 are currently withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 17 and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as written in the previous response sets out the claimed subject matter with a reasonable degree of clarity and particularity to one of ordinary skill in the art, in light of the specification. However, for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution of the present application, claim 1 has been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the current amendments to the pending claims, claims 1, 3, 17 and 22-24 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 17 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Okita (U.S. Patent No. 5,747,830). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...a light transmission restricting layer... not formed beneath the pixel electrodes positioned between any other gate lines." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 3 and 17, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites Fig. 2 of Okita as teaching the aforementioned features recited in claim 1. However, Applicant respectfully submits that nowhere does Okita teach or suggest the aforementioned features. In Fig. 2 of Okita, reference numbers 9, 5 and 6 indicate a channel 9, a heavily doped source and drain regions 5 and a lightly doped source and drain regions 6, respectively. According to claim 1, a light transmission

restricting layer is not formed beneath the pixel electrodes positioned between, for example, the second and third gate lines.

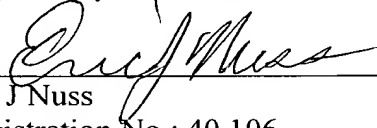
Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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